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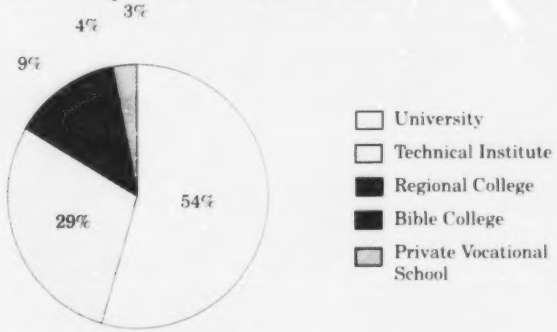
Results

There were few differences between the grade 11 and grade 12 sample, with the exception that grade 11 respondents were more uncertain of their future plans. Only the results from the grade 12 sample are presented in this summary (n=9626).

Post-Secondary Goals of Saskatchewan's Youth

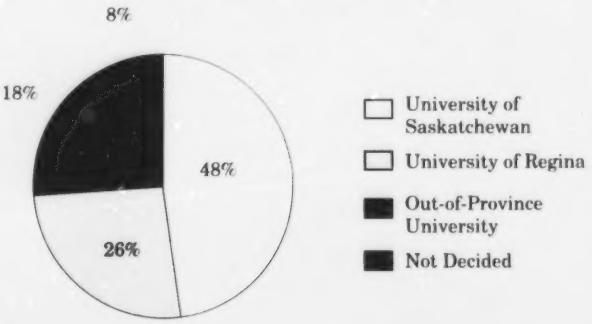
Seventy-seven percent (7412) of grade 12 students were considering some form of post-secondary education. Most would be pursuing their studies soon after high school (73%), while the remainder would attend a post-secondary institution at some time in the future.

Of these 7412 grade 12 students, 54% planned to attend university, 29% planned to enrol at a technical institute, 9% intended to pursue their studies at a regional college, 4% wanted to attend a bible college and the remaining 3% planned to attend a private vocational school.



University

Of the 4047 students who planned on enrolling at a university, 48% were considering the University of Saskatchewan and 26% planned to attend the University of Regina. The remaining students were either considering an out-of-province university (18%) or had not made up their mind (8%).



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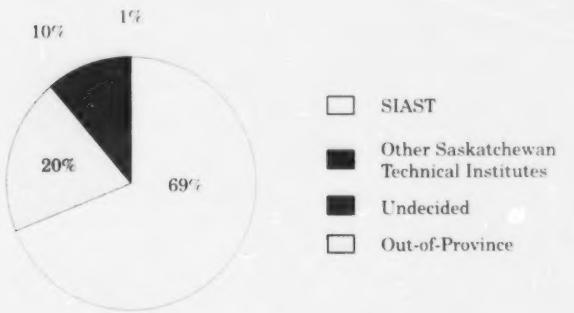
Technical Institute

Of the 2100 students who intended to enrol at a technical institute, 69% planned to attend SIAST. The remaining students were considering other technical institutes within Saskatchewan, such as Dumont Technical Institute (1%), were undecided (10%), or planned to study out-of-province (20%).



SIAST	n	%
Kelsey Campus	700	33
Palliser Campus	374	18
Wascana Campus	288	14
Woodland Campus	94	4
Total	1456	

Regional College

Nine percent, or 664 of the grade 12 students who planned post secondary education, were considering to enrol at a regional college. Many of these students (47%) planned to attend an out-of-province college.

Awareness of Regional Colleges

Over half of all the grade 12 respondents (63%) were aware that they could take university, technical institute, or employment skills classes through Saskatchewan's nine regional colleges.

Location of Study

Twenty percent of grade 12 students who intended to pursue a post-secondary education, planned to do so outside of the province. Many intended to study in Alberta.

Location	Percentage
Saskatchewan	80
Alberta	13
Ontario	2
British Columbia	2
United States	1
Manitoba	1
Other	1

Influences on Pursuing a Post-Secondary Education

Students were asked to indicate the importance that certain influences had on their decisions to pursue post-secondary education.

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Students Who Did Not Plan to Pursue a Post-Secondary Education

Twenty-three percent or 2202 grade 12 students were not planning to enrol in a post-secondary institution or were uncertain of what they would do once they graduated from high school. Sixty-four percent of these students planned to work or seek work, 19% planned to take some time off, and the remaining 17% were undecided or didn't indicate.

The main reasons given for not pursuing a post-secondary education were work opportunities and the cost of education.

Reason	n	%
Work opportunities	651	30
Cost of education	467	22
Academic requirements	243	11
Family commitments	54	3
Personal/health reasons	48	2
Other	709	33

Demographics of Students in Grade 12

Of the 9626 grade 12 students, 4820 were Male and 4780 were Female. Twenty-six did not indicate.

Thirty-eight percent (3691) of the grade 12 students indicated that they had an academic average of 80% or higher.

Seven percent (662) of the grade 12 students indicated that they were Aboriginal or First Nation; 8% (788) that they were a Visible Minority; and 3% (280) that they had a disability.

Summary

- A significant number of high school leavers (77%) planned to enter into some form of post-secondary training within the next few years.
- Approximately one quarter (23%) of respondent grade 12 students were not planning to pursue a post-secondary education.
- Fifty-four percent of grade 12 students who intended to pursue a post-secondary education will do so at a university.
- Twenty-nine percent of grade 12 students who planned to further their education will do so at a technical institute.
- Twenty percent of all respondent grade 12 students were planning to study outside of Saskatchewan.

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Results

There were few differences between the grade 11 and grade 12 sample, with the exception that grade 11 respondents were more uncertain of their future plans. Only the results from the grade 12 sample are presented in this summary (n=9,626).

Demographics

Of the 9,626 grade 12 students, 4,820 indicated they were male and 4,780 that they were female. The remaining 26 did not indicate.

Thirty-eight percent (n=3,691) of the grade 12 students indicated that they had an academic average of 80% or higher.

Seven percent (n=662) of the grade 12 students indicated that they were Aboriginal or First Nation; 8% (n=788) that they were a visible minority; and 3% (n=280) that they had a disability.

Post-Secondary Goals of Saskatchewan's Youth

Seventy-seven percent of grade 12 students were considering some form of post-secondary education. Most would be pursuing their studies soon after high school (56%).

Of the 7,297 grade 12 students that wanted to further their education, 56% planned to attend university, 29% planned to enrol at a technical institute, 9% intended to pursue their studies at a regional college, 4% wanted to attend a bible college and the remaining 3% planned to attend a private vocational school.

University

Of the 4,047 students who planned on enrolling at a university, 48% were considering the University of Saskatchewan and 26% planned to attend the University of Regina. The remaining students were either considering an out-of-province university or had not made up their minds.

Technical Institute

Of the 2,100 students who intended to enrol at a technical institute, 69% planned to attend SIAST, while 15% planned to study outside of the province. The remaining students were considering other technical institutes within Saskatchewan or were undecided.

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Location of Study

Twenty percent (n=1,476) of grade 12 students who intended to pursue a post-secondary education, planned to do so outside of the province. Many intended to study in Alberta.

Location	*n*	%
Saskatchewan	5,821	80
Alberta	914	13
Ontario	138	2
British Columbia	120	2
United States	103	1
Manitoba	97	1
Other	104	1

Students Who Did Not Plan to Pursue a Post-Secondary Education

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Reason	*n*	%
Work opportunities	651	30
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Academic requirements	243	11
Family commitments	54	3
Personal/health reasons	48	2
Other	709	33
TOTAL	**2,172**	**101**

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- Approximately one quarter (23%) of respondent grade 12 students were not planning to pursue a post-secondary education.
- The majority of students who intended to pursue a post-secondary education (56%) will do so at a university.
- Twenty-nine percent of students who intended to further their education planned to do so at a technical institute.
- Twenty percent of grade 12 students who planned to further their education will do so outside of Saskatchewan.

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Results

The results are presented in four sections. The first section presents the findings from the total sample, while the second and third sections present the findings from the grade 11 and 12 samples, respectively. The fourth section contains summarized responses from Aboriginal, rural, urban, and the provinces brightest respondents. The report also includes an appendix of summary tables with results from the various samples.

Most of the findings are presented as frequencies, (*n*) and valid percentages, which are percentages calculated after excluding blank surveys. When interpreting the percentages, it is important not to overlook the number of respondents that endorsed a particular survey item, as some reported percentages were derived from a small number of respondents. Also note that some students did not complete the survey and therefore, the total number of respondents for one question may not equal the sample size. For example, the sample size was 19,396 but only 19,190 told us which grade they were in.

Demographic Information

The sample was evenly split between the two grades and between male and female students. Respondents' academic averages were mostly between 65 and 89%.

	Total	Grade 11	Grade 12
Below 65%	14%	13%	14%
65-79%	46%	45%	47%
80-89%	31%	33%	30%
90% or higher	9%	9%	9%

Seven percent (*n*=1,352) of students in the total sample, considered themselves to be First Nation or Aboriginal persons. Of these, 45% (*n*=591) were Metis, 41% (*n*=547) were status or treaty Indians, 9% (*n*=117) were non-status Indians and the remainder (*n*=71, 5%) were Inuit. Ten percent of the total population (*n*=1,678) indicated that they belonged to a visible minority and 3% (*n*=511) considered themselves to be disabled. (Tables 1 and 2).

SECTION 1: Total Sample

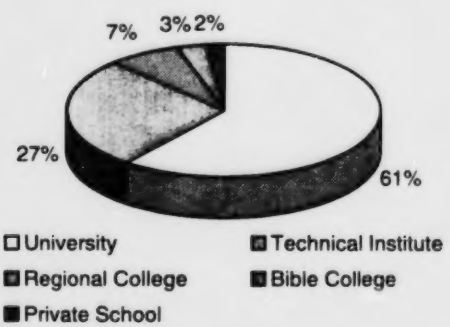
The total sample represents the 19,396 students that responded to the survey. This includes students in both grade 11 and 12.

Students Who Planned to Attend a Post-Secondary Institution

Seventy-seven percent (n=14,624) of students were considering some form of post-secondary education. Most indicated they would be pursuing their studies soon after high school (n=10,290), while the remainder would attend a post-secondary institution some time in the future (Table 3).

Of the 14,624 students who planned to pursue a post-secondary education, 61% (n=8,812) planned to attend university, 27% (n=3,930) planned to enroll at a technical institute, 7% (n=1,076) intended to pursue their studies at a regional college, 3% (n=466) wanted to attend a bible college and the remaining 2% (n=331) planned to attend a private vocational school (Table 4).

Institutions Students Who Intended to Pursue Their Studies Would Attend



When the data was broken down by regional college district and city, the results were fairly similar to that of the total sample. However, compared to other respondents, a higher percentage of students from Regina, Prince Albert, and Saskatoon planned to attend a university (See Table 5A).

University

Of the 8,812 students who planned to enrol at a university, 43% were considering the University of Saskatchewan and 19% planned to attend the University of Regina. The remaining students were either considering an out-of-province university or had not made up their minds (Table 6).[1]

Universities	n	%
U of S, Saskatoon	3,532	40
U of S, off-campus site	261	3
U of R, Regina	1,542	17
U of R, off-campus site	164	2
Other university	1,859	21
Do not know	1,500	17
TOTAL	**8,858**	**100**

The majority of respondents who wanted to attend a university (n=6,765, 78%), planned to register as full-time students. Six percent (n=562) planned to enrol as part-time students, and the remainder were uncertain as to how they would register (Table 7).

Most students indicated that they planned to take programs in arts and science, business, commerce, law, health sciences, engineering, technology, and education. At the time of the survey, 15% (n=1,018) of students who planned to enrol at a university were undecided as to which program they would study (Table 8).

Programs	n	%
Arts and Science	1,629	24
Business/Commerce/Law	914	14
Health Sciences/Nursing/Medicine	785	12
Engineering and Technology	750	11
Education	727	11
Agriculture	287	4
Undecided	1,018	15
Other	579	9
TOTAL	**6,689**	**100**

[1] Students were able to choose multiple responses.

As mentioned previously, the primary post-secondary institution of choice among high school leavers was a university. The same was true when responses from individual regional college districts were examined. However, the percentage of students who planned to attend a university within each regional college district varied. For example, 58% (n=734) of students from the Carlton Trail area intended to pursue their education at a university compared to 46% (n=171) from the Lakeland region (See Table 5A).

Students within the regional college districts, with the exception of South East, would likely pursue their education at the University of Saskatchewan or at an out-of-province university. The University of Regina was the first choice of many students from the South East area (See Table 9A).

Technical Institute

Of the 3,930 grade 11 and 12 students who planned to pursue their education at a technical institute, 59% (n=2,289) would register as full-time students, while 14% (n=540) would attend part-time (Table 10).

The top three locations within Saskatchewan that students considered attending were the SIAST (Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology) Kelsey, Palliser, and Wascana campuses.

Technical Institute	*n*	%
SIAST Kelsey Campus	1,330	34
SIAST Palliser Campus	660	17
SIAST Wascana Campus	492	13
SIAST Woodland Campus	183	5
Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies (SIIT)	21	1
Other	676	17
Undecided	500	13
TOTAL	**3,862**	**100**

Thirteen percent (n=521) of grade 11 and 12 students who planned to attend a technical institute planned to study outside of the province.[2] The majority of these students (n=393, 75%) wanted to attend institutions in Alberta.

Students who planned to attend a technical institute would most likely enrol in an industrial trades program, followed by programs in engineering and technology and the health sciences (Table 12).

Programs	*n*	%
Industrial trades	678	22
Engineering and Technology	546	18
Health Sciences/Nursing/Medicine	366	12
Business/Commerce/Law	297	10
Community Services	93	3
Agriculture	86	3
Undecided	367	12
Other	643	20
TOTAL	**3,076**	**100**

There was some variance in the percentage of students within each regional college area who planned to attend a technical institute (23%-34%). Briefly, a larger proportion of students from the Carlton Trail, Cumberland, and South East regions planned to attend a technical institute than any other region. See Appendix B, Table 5A, for a complete summary of results.

The technical institute campus of choice also varied among the regional college districts. SIAST Kelsey campus was the first choice for many students in five districts. Out-of-province institutions were preferred in two districts, and SIAST Woodland and Palliser Campuses were the first choice for many students in two districts. See Table 13A, Appendix B for more information.

[2] This figure is a frequency of students who planned to attend a technical institute and who were not planning to study in Saskatchewan (question #12).

Regional College Area	Preferred Institute	%
Cypress Hills	Other	29
South East	SIAST Palliser Campus	26
Prairie West	SIAST Kelsey Campus	53
Carlton Trail	SIAST Kelsey Campus	43
Parkland	SIAST Kelsey Campus	28
Lakeland	Other	47
North West	SIAST Kelsey Campus	39
Cumberland	SIAST Kelsey Campus	39
Northlands	SIAST Woodland Campus	50

Regional College

Six percent or 1,076 grade 11 and 12 students planned to pursue their education at a regional college. Of these, 67% (n=709) planned to attend as full-time students and 13% (n=134) as part-time students (Table 14).

Many of these students (n=499, 46%) planned to attend an out-of-province college,[3] such as Medicine Hat College, Lethbridge Community College, or Olds College.

For regional colleges within Saskatchewan, many grade 11 and 12 students were considering Lakeland College (Table 15).

Regional College	n	%
Lakeland	268	26
South East	65	6
Parkland	51	5
Cypress Hills	28	3
North West	25	2
Northlands	14	1
Cumberland	14	1
Prairie West	9	1
Carlton Trail	4	.4
Other	562	54
TOTAL	**1,040**	**100**

Many students said they would be taking University of Saskatchewan classes (n=118, 31%), employment skills (n=110, 29%), SIAST classes (n=102, 27%), or University of Regina classes (n=46, 12%). As for programs in which students planned to enrol, business, commerce, law, arts and science, and agriculture were the most common (Tables 16 and 17 in Appendix B).

Programs	n	%
Business/Commerce/Law	69	18
Arts and Science	48	12
Agriculture	43	11
Education	38	10
Health Sciences/Nursing/Medicine	25	7
Engineering and Technology	22	6
Industrial trades	22	6
Other	66	17
Undecided	53	13
TOTAL	**386**	**100**

The percentage of students who were considering attending a regional college after high school varied greatly among the regional college districts. The highest percentage was in the Lakeland region (n=95, 26%), followed by Northlands (n=20, 17%), and Cypress Hills (n=156, 16%). The district with the lowest percentage of students who planned to attend a regional college was the Carlton Trail regional college district (n=60, 5%). There were significantly fewer students from Saskatoon or Regina who planned to attend a regional college. The college of choice varied among the regional college districts, as well. See Appendix B, Tables 5A and 18A for a detailed summary of findings.

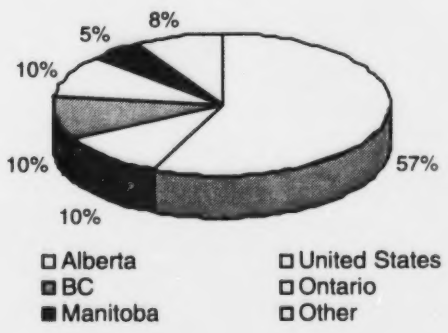
Regional College District	Preferred College	%
Cypress Hills	Other	82
South East	Other	49
Prairie West	Other	63
Carlton Trail	Other	70
Parkland	Parkland	59
Lakeland	Lakeland	55
North West	Other	47
Cumberland	Other	44
Northlands	Northlands	68

[3] This figure is a frequency of students who planned to attend a regional college and who were not planning to study in Saskatchewan (question #12)

Out-of-Province Study

Twenty-one percent (n=3,144) of respondents who planned to further their education intended to do so outside of the province. The majority of these students planned to attend institutions in Alberta (n=1,723, 57%). See Table 19 in Appendix B for more information.

Out-of-Province Studies-Total Sample



The University of Alberta and University of Calgary were the top choices of students who were planning to pursue their university education outside of Saskatchewan.

Top Five Out-of Province Universities of Choice	*n*
University of Alberta	260
University of Calgary	229
University of British Columbia	47
University of Lethbridge	46
McGill University	42

Other popular institutions within Alberta included Medicine Hat College, Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT), Lethbridge Community College, and the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT).

Top Out-of-Province Institutes of Choice	*n*
Medicine Hat College	141
SAIT	106
Lethbridge Community College	89
NAIT	76
Devry Technical Institute	60

Students listed over 150 programs that they intended to take out-of-province. The top programs were business, law, commerce, criminology, arts and science, and science and technology.

Top Six Out-of-Province Programs	*n*	%
Business/Commerce/Law/Criminology	249	9
Arts and Science/General Studies	235	8
Health Sciences/Nursing/Medicine	154	5
Engineering	144	5
Science and Technology	130	5
Undecided	203	7

Students Who Were Not Planning to Attend a Post-Secondary Institution

Twenty-four percent (n=4,500) of grade 11 and 12 students indicated that they were not planning to pursue a post-secondary education or were uncertain of what they would do once they graduated from high school. Of these students, 53% (n=2,392) planned to work or seek work, 19% (n=836) planned to take some time off, and the remainder were undecided. The main reasons for not continuing with their education were work opportunities and the cost of education (See Tables 3 and 20).

Reason	*n*	%
Work opportunities	1,179	27
Cost of education	1,010	23
Academic requirements	492	11
Family commitments	105	2
Other	1,561	37
TOTAL	**4,347**	**100**

Awareness of Regional Colleges

Regardless of what students were planning to do after high school and regardless of which institution they planned to attend, over half of the respondents (n=10,907, 58%) in the sample knew that they could take university, technical institute, or

employment skills classes through Saskatchewan's nine regional colleges.

Influences on Pursuing a Post-Secondary Education

Finally, students were also asked to indicate the importance that certain influences had on their decisions to pursue post-secondary education. Responses were measured on a Likert type scale where 1=*very important* and 4=*not important.*

The most important factors were program quality (mean=1.39), program availability (mean=1.55), cost of living (mean=1.74), language of instruction (mean=1.79), and cost of tuition (mean=1.82). The least important factors were courses offered through the Internet (mean=3.35), courses offered through distance education (mean=3.06), and advice given to them by a counsellor (mean=2.54).[4] See Appendix B, Table 22 for a detailed summary of results.

[4] The median for each item is given in Table 22, Appendix B

SECTION 2: Grade 11 Sample

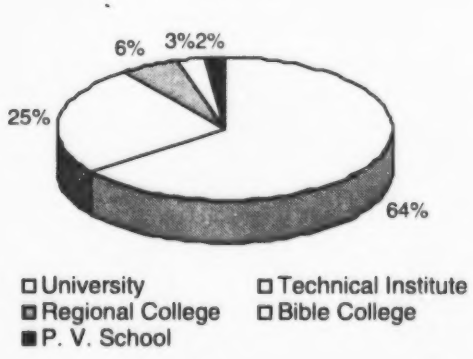
This section represents the 9,564 grade 11 students that responded to the survey.

Students Who Planned to Attend a Post-Secondary Institution

Seventy-six percent (n=7,199) of all grade 11 respondents were considering some form of post-secondary education. Most planned to pursue their studies soon after high school (n=4,910, 52%), while the remainder would attend a post-secondary institution some time in the future (Table 3).

Of the 7,199 grade 11 students who intended to further their education, 65% (n=4,688) planned to attend university, 25% (n=1,788) planned to enroll at a technical institute, 6% (n=404) intended to pursue their studies at a regional college, 3% (n=206) wanted to attend a bible college and the remaining 2% (n=142) planned to attend a private vocational school (Table 4).

Institutions Grade 11 Students Who Intended to Pursue Their Studies Would Attend



When the data was broken down by regional college district and city, the results were fairly similar to that of the total sample. However, compared to other respondents, a higher percentage of students from Regina, Prince Albert, and Saskatoon planned to attend a university (See Table 5B).

University

Of the 4,688 grade 11 students who planned to enrol at a university, 39% were considering the University of Saskatchewan and 13% planned to attend the University of Regina. The remaining students were either considering an out-of-province university or had not made up their mind (See Table 6).[5]

University	n	%
U of S, Saskatoon	1,726	37
U of S, off-campus site	114	2
U of R, Regina	553	12
U of R, off-campus site	70	1
Other university	1,088	23
Do not know	1,172	25
TOTAL	**4,723**	**100**

The majority of respondents who intended to enrol at a university, planned to register as full-time students (n=3,362, 72%). Seven percent (n=325) would enrol as part-time students, and the remainder were uncertain of how they would register (Table 7).

Most students indicated that they planned to enrol in arts and science, health sciences, business, commerce, law, engineering, technology, and education. At the time of the survey, 23% (n=806) of students who planned to enrol at a university, were undecided as to which program they would study (See Table 8).

Programs	n	%
Arts and Science	540	16
Health Sciences/Nursing/Medicine	519	15
Business/Commerce/Law	438	13
Engineering and Technology	388	11
Education	351	10
Agriculture	116	3
Undecided	806	23
Other	309	9
TOTAL	**3,467**	**100**

[5] Students were able to choose multiple responses.

The primary post-secondary institution of choice among high school leavers within the regional college districts was a university. Many students within these districts planned to attend either the University of Saskatchewan or an out-of-province university (Tables 5B and 9B, Appendix B).

Technical Institute

Of the 1,788 grade 11 students who planned to pursue their education at a technical institute, 51% (n=900) planned to register as full-time students, while 15% (n=270) wanted to attend part-time. Most students were planning to attend the SIAST Kelsey or Palliser Campuses (Tables 10 and 11).

Technical Institute	*n*	%
SIAST Kelsey Campus	618	35
SIAST Palliser Campus	275	16
SIAST Wascana Campus	200	11
SIAST Woodland Campus	87	5
Other	274	16
Undecided	297	17
TOTAL	**1,751**	**100**

Twelve percent (n=207) of grade 11 students intended to study outside of the province.[6] The majority of these students (n=134, 65%) would like to attend institutions in Alberta.

Students who planned to attend a technical institute would most likely enrol in the industrial trades or engineering and technology (See Table 12, Appendix B).

Programs	*n*	%
Industrial trades	292	20
Engineering and Technology	271	19
Health Sciences/Nursing/Medicine	141	10
Business/Commerce/Law	116	8
Undecided	233	16
Other	384	27
TOTAL	**1,437**	**100**

[6] This number is a frequency of students who were planning to attend a technical and who were not planning to study in Saskatchewan (question #12).

More grade 11 students from the Cumberland, Carlton Trail, and South East regional college areas planned to attend a technical institute than students in the six other regional regions. SIAST Kelsey Campus was first choice for many students in six regional college districts, SIAST Palliser Campus was preferred in one district as was an out-of-province school, and finally SIAST Woodland campus tied with SIAST Kelsey campus as the first choice in the Northlands district (See Tables 5B and 13B).

Regional College Area	Preferred Institute	%
Cypress Hills	SIAST Kelsey Campus	30
South East	SIAST Palliser Campus	26
Prairie West	SIAST Kelsey Campus	50
Carlton Trail	SIAST Kelsey Campus	43
Parkland	SIAST Kelsey Campus	31
Lakeland	Other	34
North West	SIAST Kelsey Campus	41
Cumberland	SIAST Kelsey Campus	37
Northlands	SIAST Kelsey/Woodland Campus	27/27

Regional College

Four hundred and four grade 11 students planned to pursue their education at a regional college. Of these, 54% (n=216) planned to attend as a full-time student and 15% (n=62) as a part-time student. The rest, 31%, were unsure (See Table 14).

Many of these students (n=187, 46%) intended to enrol at an out-of-province college such as Medicine Hat College, Lethbridge Community College, or Olds College.[7] Lakeland College was the college of choice for the majority of grade 11 students who planned to study in Saskatchewan. See Table 15 in Appendix B for more information.

[7] This number is a frequency of students who planned to attend a college and who did not intended to study in Saskatchewan.

Regional College	*n*
Other	225
Lakeland	100
South East	20
Cypress Hills	11
North West	10
Northlands	7
Parkland	6
Cumberland	5
Carlton Trail	3
Prairie West	1

Thirty-seven percent (*n*=48) of grade 11 students planned to take University of Saskatchewan classes at a regional college. Thirty-three percent (*n*=43) were planning on taking employment skills classes, 21% (*n*=27) would enrol in SIAST classes, and the remaining 9% (*n*=11) planned to take University of Regina classes.

The programs grade 11 students planned to enrol in include agriculture, business, commerce, and law (Tables 16 and 17).

Programs	*n*	%
Agriculture	20	15
Business/Commerce/Law	14	11
Health Sciences/Nursing/Medicine	12	9
Education	9	7
Arts and Science	9	7
Industrial trades	9	7
Engineering and Technology	6	5
Other	21	16
Undecided	30	23
TOTAL	**130**	**100**

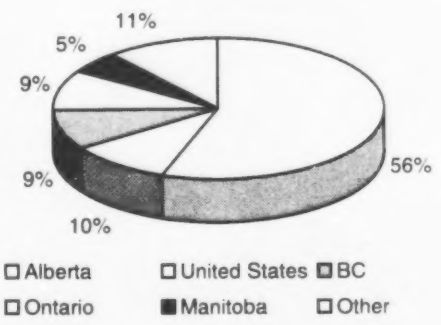
The percentage of students who were considering attending a regional college after high school varied greatly among the regional college districts (3%-15%). The highest percentage was found in the Lakeland region, followed by Northlands, and Cypress Hills. The district with the lowest percentage of students who planned to attend a regional college was the Parkland region. See Tables 5B and 18B in Appendix B, for a detailed summary of results.

Regional College District	College of Choice	%
Cypress Hills	Other	80
South East	Other	56
Prairie West	Other	79
Carlton Trail	Other	63
Parkland	Other	50
Lakeland	Lakeland	62
North West	Lakeland	45
Cumberland	Lakeland	46
Northlands	Northlands	79

Out-of-Province Study

Twenty-one percent (*n*=1,528) of the grade 11 respondents that planned to further their education, intended to do so outside of the province. Of these students, the majority (52%) planned to attend institutions in Alberta (See Table 19, Appendix B).

Out-of-Province Studies



The University of Alberta and University of Calgary were popular choices for grade 11 students who planned to pursue their university education outside of Saskatchewan.

Top Four Out-of Province Universities	*n*
University of Alberta	142
University of Calgary	129
University of British Columbia	49
McGill University	25

Other popular institutions within Alberta included Medicine Hat College, NAIT, and Lethbridge Community College.

Top Five Out-of-Province Institutes	*n*
Medicine Hat College	48
NAIT	31
Lethbridge Community College	31
SAIT	30
Olds College	24

Students listed over 150 programs that they intended to take out-of-province. The top programs were business, commerce, law, criminology, health sciences, and arts and science, however, many were undecided.

Top Out-of-Province Programs	*n*	%
Business/Commerce/Law/Criminology	127	9
Health Sciences/Nursing/Medicine	102	7
Arts and Science/General Studies	98	7
Engineering	79	6
Computer Programming	57	4
Undecided	147	11

Students Who Were Not Planning to Attend a Post-Secondary Institution

Twenty-three percent (*n*=2,245) of grade 11 respondents did not plan to enrol in a post-secondary institution or were uncertain of what they would do once they graduated from high school. Forty-three percent (*n*=959) of these planned to work or seek work, 18% (*n*=408) planned to take some time off, and the remainder were undecided (See Table 3 in Appendix B).

The main reasons for grade 11 students not planning to pursue a post-secondary education were the cost of education and work opportunities (See Table 20).

Reason	*n*	%
Cost of education	534	25
Work opportunities	514	24
Academic requirements	245	12
Family commitments	50	2
Other	779	37
TOTAL	**2,122**	**100**

Awareness of Regional Colleges

Regardless of their future plans and regardless of which institution they planned to attend, over half of the grade 11 respondents (*n*=4,892, 53%) in the sample knew that they could take university, technical institute, or employment skills classes through Saskatchewan's nine regional colleges (Table 21).

Influences on Pursuing a Post-Secondary Education

Finally, all students were also asked to indicate the importance certain influences had on their decision to pursue a post-secondary education. Responses were measured on a Likert type scale where 1=*very important* and 4=*not important.*

The most important factors for grade 11 students were program quality (mean=1.37), program availability (mean=1.52), cost of living (mean=1.68), language of instruction (mean=1.72), and cost of tuition (mean=1.75). The least important factors were courses offered through the Internet (mean=3.29), courses offered through distance education (mean=2.97), and advice given to them by a counsellor (mean=2.52). See Appendix B, Table 22 for a detailed summary of results.[8]

[8] Mean and median values are provided in Table 22.

SECTION 3: Grade 12 Sample

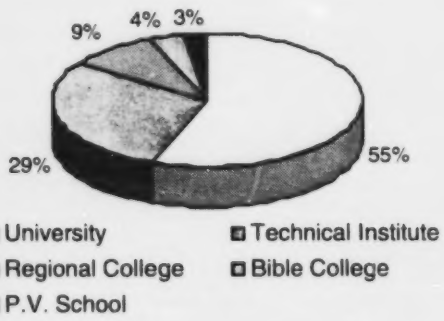
This section represents the 9,626 grade 12 students that responded to the survey.

Students Who Planned to Attend a Post-Secondary Institution

Seventy-seven percent (n=7,297) of grade 12 students were considering some form of post-secondary education. Most of these students would be pursuing their studies soon after high school (n=5,294, 56%), while the remainder would attend at some time in the future (See Table 3).

Of the 7,297 grade 12 students who wanted to further their education, 55% (n=4,047) planned to attend university, 29% (n=2,100) planned to enrol at a technical institute, 9% (n=664) intended to pursue their studies at a regional college, 4% (n=254) wanted to attend a bible college and the remaining 3% (n=186) planned to attend a private vocational school (Table 4, Appendix B).

Institutions Grade 12 Students Who Planned to Further Their Education Would Attend



When the data was broken down by regional college district, the results were fairly similar to that of the total sample, with the exception of the Lakeland region where more students planned to attend a regional college than a technical institute (Table 5C).

University

Of the 4,047 grade 12 students who planned to enrol at a university, 48% were considering the University of Saskatchewan and 26% planned to attend the University of Regina (See Table 6).[9]

Saskatchewan University	*n*	%
U of S, Saskatoon	1,781	44
U of S, off-campus site	145	4
U of R, Regina	978	24
U of R, off-campus site	92	2
Other university	750	19
Do not know	315	8
TOTAL	**4,061**	**101**

The majority of respondents who intended to enrol at a university, planned to register as full-time students (n=3,403, 84%). Six percent (n=237) would enrol as part-time students, and the remainder were uncertain of how they would register (Table 7).

When asked what they planned to study at university, most students indicated that they would enrol in arts and science, business, commerce, law, or education. At the time of the survey, 6% of students who planned to enrol at a university, were undecided (See Table 8).

Programs	*n*	%
Arts and Science	1,072	34
Business/Commerce/Law	470	15
Education	373	12
Engineering and Technology	359	11
Health Sciences/Nursing/Medicine	264	8
Agriculture	168	5
Undecided	199	6
Other	266	8
TOTAL	**3,171**	**99**

Within each regional college district, the primary post-secondary institution of choice was a university. However, the percentage of students who planned to attend a university within the regional college areas

[9] Students were able to choose multiple responses.

varied. For example, 56% of grade 12 students from the Carlton Trail area (n=356) intended to pursue their education at a university compared to 35% (n=67) of students from the Lakeland region. As with the total sample, more students from Regina, Prince Albert, and Saskatoon planned to attend a university, compared to students from the regional college districts.

Students within the regional college districts, with the exception of South East, would likely pursue their university education at the University of Saskatchewan. Most grade 12 students from the South East area planned to attend the University of Regina (See Table 9C).

Technical Institute

Of the 29% or 2,100 grade 12 students who planned to pursue their education at a technical institute, 67% (n=1,389) planned to register as a full-time student, while 13% (n=270) would attend part-time (Table 10).

SIAST Kelsey, Palliser, and Wascana Campuses were the top technical institutes within Saskatchewan that grade 12 students considered attending (See Table 11).

Technical Institute	*n*	%
SIAST Kelsey Campus	700	34
SIAST Palliser Campus	374	18
SIAST Wascana Campus	288	14
SIAST Woodland Campus	94	5
Other	416	20
Undecided	198	10
TOTAL	**2,070**	**101**

Fifteen percent (n=309) of grade 12 students who planned to attend a technical institute intended to study outside of the province.[10] The majority of these students (n=236, 76%) would like to attend institutions in Alberta. Students who planned to pursue their education at a technical institute would most likely enrol in the industrial trades or engineering and technology (Table 12).

Programs	*n*	%
Industrial Trades	372	23
Engineering and Technology	270	17
Health sciences/Nursing/Medicine	223	14
Business/Commerce/Law	177	11
Community services	55	3
Agriculture	43	3
Undecided	131	8
Other	335	21
TOTAL	**1,606**	**100**

More grade 12 students from the South East, Carlton Trail, Prairie West, and Parkland regional college areas planned to attend a technical institute than any other region. The area with the lowest percentage of students was Lakeland. See Appendix B, Table 5C for a complete summary of results.

Where students wanted to study also varied among the regional college districts. SIAST Kelsey Campus was the first choice for many students in five regional college districts. Out-of-province institutes were preferred in two regions, SIAST Woodland Campus was preferred in one district, as was SIAST Palliser Campus (See Table 13C).

Regional College District	Preferred Technical Institute	%
Cypress Hills	Other	35
South East	SIAST Palliser Campus	26
Prairie West	SIAST Kelsey Campus	54
Carlton Trail	SIAST Kelsey Campus	42
Parkland	SIAST Kelsey Campus	26
Lakeland	Other	57
North West	SIAST Kelsey Campus	38
Cumberland	SIAST Kelsey Campus	41
Northlands	SIAST Woodland Campus	75

Regional College

Six hundred and sixty four grade 12 students planned to attend at a regional college. Of these, 74% (n=493) planned to attend as a

[10] This number is a frequency of students who planned to attend a technical institute and who did not intend to study in Saskatchewan.

full-time student and 11% (n=72) as a part-time student (See Table 14).

Many students (n=303, 47%) planned to attend an out-of-province college,[11] such as Medicine Hat College or Lethbridge Community College. Within Saskatchewan, most grade 12 students were considering Lakeland College (See Table 15).

Regional College	n
Lakeland	165
Parkland	45
South East	44
Cypress Hills	17
North West	14
Cumberland	9
Prairie West	8
Northlands	7
Carlton Trail	1
Other	334
TOTAL	**644**

Thirty percent (n=74) of grade 12 students who were planning to continue their studies at a regional college, would enrol in SIAST classes. Twenty-eight percent (n=68) were planning to take University of Saskatchewan classes, 28% (n=67) intended to take employment skills classes, and the remaining 14% (n=35) planned to take University of Regina classes. Business, commerce, law, and arts and science were the main programs in which students planned to enrol (See Tables 16 and 17).

Program	n	%
Business/Commerce/Law	55	22
Arts and science	38	15
Education	29	11
Agriculture	23	9
Engineering/Technology	16	6
Other	70	28
Undecided	23	9
TOTAL	**254**	**100**

[11] This number is a frequency of students who planned to attend a regional college and who did not intend to study in Saskatchewan.

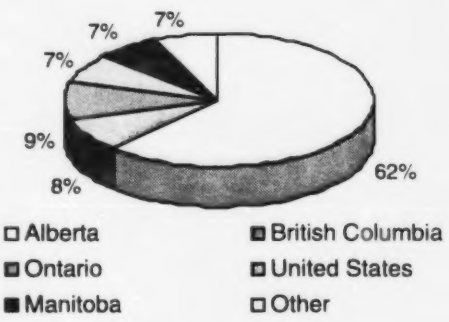
The percentage of students who were considering attending a regional college after high school varied greatly among the regional college districts (5%-35%). The highest percentage was found in the Lakeland region, followed by Northlands, and Cypress Hills. The district with the lowest percentage was the Carlton Trail regional college district. In six of the nine districts, an out-of-province was the preferred choice. See Appendix B, Table 5C and 18C for a detailed summary of results.

Regional College Area	Preferred College	%
Cypress Hills	Other	83
South East	Other	46
Prairie West	Other	53
Carlton Trail	Other	74
Parkland	Parkland	65
Lakeland	Lakeland	53
North West	Other	49
Cumberland	Other	49
Northlands	Northlands	60

Out-of-Province Study

Twenty percent (n=1,476) of the grade 12 respondents who planned to further their education, intended to do so outside of the province. The majority of these students intended to study in Alberta (n=914, 62%). For more information, see Table 19.

Out-of-Province Studies



The University of Alberta and University of Calgary were the top choices of grade 12 students planning to pursue their university

education outside of Saskatchewan. Other popular institutions within Alberta included Medicine Hat College, SAIT, and Lethbridge Community College.

Top Four Out-of Province Universities	*n*
University of Alberta	115
University of Calgary	97
University of Lethbridge	29
University of Manitoba	24

Top Five Out-of-Province Institutes	*n*
Medicine Hat College	92
SAIT	74
Lethbridge Community College	57
NAIT	45
Devry Technical Institute	44

Students listed over 150 programs that they intended to take out-of-province. The top programs were arts and science, business, law, commerce, and criminology.

Top Out-of-Province Programs	*n*	%
Arts and Science/General Studies	137	10
Business/Commerce/Law/Criminology	118	9
Computer Programming	72	5
Religious Studies	67	5
Engineering	65	5
Undecided	100	7

Students Who Were Not Planning to Attend a Post-Secondary Institution

Twenty-four percent (*n*=2,202) of grade 12 students were not planning to pursue a post-secondary education or were uncertain of their future plans. Sixty-four percent (*n*=1,405) of these students planned to work or seek work, 19% (*n*=423) wanted to take time off, and the remaining 17% (*n*=374) were undecided. The main reasons for grade 12 students not planning to pursue a post-secondary education were work opportunities and the cost of education. See Tables 3 and 20 for more information.

Reason	*n*	%
Work opportunities	651	30
Cost of education	467	22
Academic requirements	243	11
Other	811	37
TOTAL	**2,172**	**100**

Awareness of Regional Colleges

Regardless of their future plans and regardless of which institution they planned to attend, over half of the grade 12 respondents (*n*=5,918, 63%) in the sample knew that they could take university, technical institute, or employment skills classes through Saskatchewan's nine regional colleges (See Table 21).

Influences on Pursuing a Post-Secondary Education

Finally, students were asked to indicate the importance certain influences had on their decisions to pursue post-secondary education. Responses were measured on a Likert type scale where 1=*very important* and 4=*not important.*

The most important factors for grade 12 students were program quality (mean=1.41) and program availability (mean=1.58). The least important factors were courses offered through the Internet (mean=3.41), or through distance education (mean=2.54) (See Table 22).[12]

[12] Mean and median values are provided in Table 22

SECTION 4: Selected Sub-Samples of Students

Students Whose Academic Averages Were 90% or Higher

Nine percent (n=1,694) of students in grade 11 and 12 indicated that they had academic averages of 90% or higher.

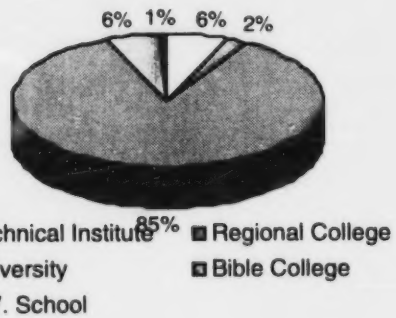
Future Plans

The vast majority of these students (n=1,575, 94%) were considering some form of post-secondary education. Most would be pursuing their studies soon after high school (n=1,403). Forty-one students (2%) whose academic averages were 90% or higher planned to work after high school, 21 (1%) students wanted to take some time off, and the remaining 43 students (3%) were uncertain of their future plans (Table 23).

Post-Secondary Institutions

The vast majority of Saskatchewan's top students intended to pursue their education at a university (n=1,337, 85%), while 6% (n=96) planned to enrol at a technical institute, and 6% (n=89) wanted to attend a bible college (Table 24).

Institutions Saskatchewan's Top Grade 11 and 12 Students Planned to Attend



University

Of the 1,337 grade 11 and 12 students with high academic averages who planned to enrol at a university, 43% were considering the University of Saskatchewan and 20% planned to attend the University of Regina. The remaining students were either considering an out-of-province university or had not made up their mind (Table 25).[13]

University	n	%
U of S, Saskatoon	552	41
U of S, off-campus site	28	2
U of R, Regina	254	19
U of R, off-campus	16	1
Other university	278	21
Do not know	218	16
TOTAL	**1,346**	**100**

Technical Institute

Six percent (n=96) of grade 11 and 12 students with high academic averages planned to pursue their education at a technical institute. The majority of these students (n=57) planned to remain in Saskatchewan and attend SIAST (Table 26).

Technical Institute	n	%
SIAST Kelsey Campus	24	25
SIAST Palliser Campus	20	21
SIAST Wascana Campus	9	10
SIAST Woodland Campus	4	4
Other	29	31
Undecided	9	10
TOTAL	**95**	**101**

Regional College

Few students whose academic averages were 90% or higher planned to pursue their education at a regional college (n=37, 2%). Of those that did, most (n=20, 54%) planned to attend an out-of-province college. The remaining 47% (n=17) were considering regional colleges within Saskatchewan, such as Lakeland regional college. See Table 27, Appendix B for more information.

[13] Students were able to choose multiple responses.

Regional College	*n*
Other	20
Lakeland	8
South East	4
North West	3
Parkland	1
Cumberland	1
TOTAL	**37**

Out-of-Province Study

Twenty percent (*n*=347) of the top grade 11 and 12 students who intended to further their education, planned to do so outside of the province. The majority intended to study in Alberta (*n*=159), at institutions such as the University of Alberta or University of Calgary.

Top Four Out-of Province Universities	*n*
University of Alberta	57
University of Calgary	31
University of Waterloo	16
McGill University	16

Aboriginal or First Nation Students

Seven percent, or 1,352 students in grade 11 and 12 indicated that they were an Aboriginal or First Nation person.

Future Plans

The majority of Aboriginal students (*n*=842, 62%) were considering some form of post-secondary education. Most would be pursuing their studies soon after high school (*n*=513), while the remainder would attend a post-secondary institution at some time in the future.

Two hundred and sixty-one Aboriginal students (19%) planned to work after high school, 102 (8%) wanted to take some time off and the remaining 128 students (9%) were uncertain of their future plans (See Table 29).

Post-Secondary Institutions

Many Aboriginal students intended to pursue their education at a university (*n*=478, 56%), 32% (*n*=268) planned to enrol at a technical institute, 8% (*n*=65) intended to pursue their studies at a regional college, 2% (*n*=20) wanted to attend a bible college and finally 3% (*n*=21) planned to attend a private vocational school.

University

Of the 478 grade 11 and 12 Aboriginal students who planned to enrol at a university, 46% were considering the University of Saskatchewan and 19% planned to attend the University of Regina. The remaining students were either considering an out-of-province university or had not made up their mind (Table 30).[14]

University	*n*	%
U of S, Saskatoon	194	40
U of S, off-campus site	24	5
U of R, Regina	75	15
U of R, off-campus site	15	3
Other university	91	19
Do not know	85	18
TOTAL	**484**	**100**

Technical Institute

Twenty percent or 268 grade 11 and 12 Aboriginal students planned to pursue their education at a technical institute. The top technical institutes within Saskatchewan that these students considered attending were the SIAST Kelsey and Woodland Campuses (See Table 31).

Technical Institute	*n*	%
SIAST Kelsey Campus	82	31
SIAST Woodland Campus	41	16
SIAST Palliser Campus	32	12
SIAST Wascana Campus	24	9
SIIT	18	7
Other	38	15
Undecided	27	10
TOTAL	**262**	**100**

[14] Students were able to choose multiple responses.

Regional College

Eight percent (n=65) of Aboriginal students planned to pursue their education at a regional college. Most of these students, (n=35, 55%) planned to attend an out-of-province college. Colleges within Saskatchewan which many of these students were considering included Lakeland College and Northlands College (See Table 32).

Regional College	*n*
Lakeland	14
Northlands	7
North West	3
Parkland	2
Cypress Hills	2
South East	1
Other	35

Out-of-Province Study

Eleven percent (n=146) of the province's Aboriginal respondents intended to pursue a post-secondary education elsewhere; the majority wanted to study in Alberta (n=84).

Top Five Out-of Province Institutes	*n*
University of Calgary	12
University of Alberta	11
Lethbridge Community College	5
Red Deer College	5
Medicine Hat College	5

Rural versus Urban Students

At the time of the survey, 41% (n=7,927) of respondents lived in Sasktoon, Regina, Moose Jaw, or Prince Albert. The remaining 59% (n=11,469) were from a rural area or small city in the province.

Future Plans

The majority of students in both rural (75%) and urban (76%) locations were considering some form of post-secondary education. The remaining students either planned to work, take time off from their education, or were uncertain of their future plans (Table 33).

Future Plans	Rural		Urban	
	n	%	*n*	%
Work or seek work	1,559	14	833	11
Take time off	401	4	435	6
Do not know	738	7	534	7

Post-Secondary Institutions

Seventy percent (n=4,188) of those urban students who intended to further their education, compared to 54% (n=4,624) of rural students, planned to attend a university, while 3% (n=189) of urban students planned to enrol at a regional college, compared to 10% (n=887) of rural students. The remainder planned to attend either a technical institute, bible college, or private vocational school (See Table 34).

Institution	Rural		Urban	
	n	%	*n*	%
University	4,624	54	4,188	70
Technical Institute	2,579	30	1,351	23
Regional College	887	10	189	3
Bible College	298	4	168	3
Private Vocational	232	3	99	2
TOTAL	**8,620**	**101**	**5,995**	**101**

University

The majority of students from rural areas, as well as those from Saskatoon and Prince Albert were considering the University of Saskatchewan, most students from Regina planned to attend the University of Regina, and the majority of students from Moose Jaw planned to attend an out-of-province university. See Appendix B, Table 9A for a detailed summary of results.[15]

Technical Institute

Thirty percent (n=2,579) of all rural and 23% (n=1,351) of all urban respondents wanted to pursue their education at a technical institute. The technical institutes within Saskatchewan these students considered attending were the SIAST Kelsey, Palliser, and Wascana Campuses. There were no significant differences

[15] Students were able to choose multiple responses.

between rural and urban students with regard to location of study (See Table 35).

Out-of-Province Study

Twenty-two percent (n=1,933) of the rural students and 14% (n=1,104) of the urban students who intended to pursue a post-secondary education, planned to do so outside of the province. The majority intended to study in Alberta (n=1,278 and n=445, respectively), at institutions such as the University of Alberta or University of Calgary.

Top Out-of-Province Institutions	Rural Students
University of Alberta	174
Medicine Hat College	146
University of Calgary	123
Lethbridge Community College	81

Top Out-of-Province Institutions	Urban Students
University of Calgary	107
University of Alberta	88
McGill University	32
SAIT	21

Summary

The following summary presents the aggregate findings from the survey sent to Saskatchewan's grade 11 and 12 high school students. An attempt was made to highlight particularly striking findings in each of the main sections of the report, not to describe the results from the entire survey. The results are based on the responses.

Students Who Planned to Attend a Post-Secondary Institution

The majority of students in both grades were considering some form of post-secondary education (n=14,624, 77%). Compared to the total sample, a greater proportion of students with high academic averages intended to further their education (n=1,575, 94%). Conversely, a lower percentage of Aboriginal students had plans to pursue a post-secondary education (n=842, 62%).

The institution of choice among many high school leavers was a university, followed by a technical institute, regional college, bible college, and a private vocational school. However, compared to the total sample, there was a greater proportion of urban students and students with high academic averages who planned to attend a university. As well, a greater proportion of grade 11 students intended to pursue their education at a university, compared to the grade 12 sample.

Many students in the province who planned to attend a university, with the exception of students from the South East regional college district and students from the city of Regina, planned to attend the University of Saskatchewan. The latter intended to enrol at the University of Regina. Most students wanting to attend a technical institute would do so at SIAST. The majority of students who planned to attend a regional college intended to study outside of the province of Saskatchewan.

Out-of-Province Studies

Approximately 16% of students in the total sample intended to study outside of the province. For students who planned to attend a technical institute or regional college, there were few differences between the grade 11 and 12 samples, however, for university bound students there were more grade 11 students who planned to study outside of the province. Another difference between the grade 12 and 11 samples was that a greater proportion of grade 12 students planned to study in the province of Alberta, while a greater proportion of grade 11 students wanted to study in the United States.

Influencing Factors

Students were asked to indicate the influence certain factors had on their decision to pursue a post-secondary education. Program quality and program availability were rated highest. Courses offered through distance education or the Internet had little influence.

Not Pursuing a Post-Secondary Education

Twenty-seven percent of the total sample were not planning to further their education or had not made up their mind. The majority of these students said they would work or seek work.

Appendix A

High School Leaver Questionnaire

SASKATCHEWAWAN HIGH SCHOOL LEAVER SURVEY

1. Please indicate your gender. **High School Code** _ _ _ _ _ _ _

1. Male 2. Female

2. Please list your current grade. (Select only one.)

1. Grade 11 2. Grade 12

3. What is your most recent academic average?

1. Below 65% 3. 80% - 89% 3. 80%-89% 4. 90% and higher

4. What are your plans after completing high school?

1. Attend a post-secondary institution within ***12*** months **(go to question 6)**
2. Attend a post-secondary institution at some time in the future beyond ***12*** months **(go to question 6)**
3. Work or seek work
4. Take some time off
5. Don't know

5. What is your primary reason for not attending post-secondary education? (Select only one.)

1. Work opportunities
2. Cost of education
3. Personal/Health reasons
4. Academic requirements
5. Family commitments
6. Other

(go to question 16)

6. If you intend to continue your education following high school, do you plan to ...

1. Register as a full-time student 2. Register as a part-time students 3. Not sure

7. If you intend to continue your education following high school, do you plan to ...

1. Attend a university **(go to question 8)**
2. Attend a technical institute **(go to question 9)**
3. Attend a regional college **(go to question 10)**
4. Attend a bible college **(go to question 12)**
5. Attend a private vocational school **(go to question 12)**

8. If you intend to continue your education at a university, which university do you plan to attend?

1. University of Saskatchewan – Saskatoon campus
2. University of Saskatchewan – off-campus site
3. University of Regina – Regina campus
4. University of Regina-off-campus site
5. Other university **(go to question 12)**
6. Undecided

(go to question 15)

9. If you intend to continue your education at a technical institute, which location do you plan to attend?

1. SIAST Kelsey – Saskatoon
2. SIAST Wascana – Regina
3. SIAST Woodland – Prince Albert
4. SIAST Palliser – Moose Jaw
5. Dumont Technical Institute
6. Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies
7. Other technical institute **(go to question 12)**
8. Undecided

(go to question 15)

10. If you intend to continue your education at a regional college, which regional college do you plan to attend?

1. Carlton Trail – Humboldt
2. Cumberland – Nipawin
3. Cypress Hills – Swift Current
4. Lakeland – Lloydminster
5. North West – North Battleford
6. Northlands – La Ronge
7. Parkland – Melville/Yorkton
8. Prairie West – Biggar
9. South East – Estevan/Weyburn
10. Other regional college **(go to question 12)**

11. If you intend to continue your education at a regional college, what type of classes do you plan to take?

1. University of Saskatchewan 2. University of Regina 3. SIAST 4. Employment skills

(go to question 15)

12. Where do you plan to study?

1. Saskatchewan (go to question 15)
2. British Columbia
3. Alberta
4. Manitoba
5. Ontario
6. Quebec
7. Atlantic Canada
8. Yukon/NWT/Nunavut
9. United States
10. Other

13. What education institution are you planning to attend? _____

14. What program are you planning to enrol in? _____

(go to question 16)

15. What type of program do you plan to take?

1. Agriculture
2. Arts and Science
3. Business/Commerce
4. Community Services
5. Education
6. Engineering/Technology
7. Health Sciences/Nursing/Medicine
8. Industrial Trades
9. Undecided
10. Other (specify) _____

16. Did you know that you can take university, technical institute, or employment skills classes through Saskatchewan's nine regional colleges?

1. Yes 2. No

Whether or not you plan to pursue post-secondary education, please rate how the following factors affected your decision

		Very	Somewhat	Slightly	Not
17.	Reputation of institution	1	2	3	4
18.	Program quality	1	2	3	4
19.	Program availability	1	2	3	4
20.	Facilities	1	2	3	4
21.	Advice of counsellor	1	2	3	4
22.	Family/friends	1	2	3	4
23.	Location	1	2	3	4
24.	Courses through distance education, e.g.	1	2	3	4
25.	Courses through the Internet	1	2	3	4
26.	Cost of tuition	1	2	3	4
27.	Cost of living	1	2	3	4
28.	Language of instruction	1	2	3	4
29.	Student support services	1	2	3	4
30.	Scholarships/Bursaries	1	2	3	4

Demographics (Voluntary)

31. Do you consider yourself a to be a First Nations or Aboriginal person?

1. Yes **(go to question 31)** 2. No **(go to question 33)** 3. No response **(go to question 32)**

32. What is your ancestry?

1. Status/Treaty Indian 2. Non-status Indian 3. Métis 4. Inuit

(Go to question 33)

33. Do you consider yourself a member of a visable minority?

1. Yes 2. No 3. No response

The definition of visible minority is any group of persons, with the exception of Aboriginal people, that is visibly distinguishable from the majority of Canadians on the basis of race, religion, skin color, natural or ethnic origin.

34. Do you consider yourself to be disabled?

1. Yes 2. No 3. No response.

Appendix B

Summary Tables

TABLE 1: Demographic Information-Total, grade 11, and grade 12 samples

Demographic	Total	Grade 11	Grade 12
Number of respondents	19,396	9,564	9,626
Gender:			
Male	9,561 (49)	4,639 (49)	4,820 (50)
Female	9,747 (51)	4,904 (51)	4,780 (50)
First Nation or Aboriginal	1,352 (7)	671 (7)	662 (7)
Metis	591 (45)	277 (42)	301 (47)
Status or Treaty Indians	547 (41)	294 (45)	248 (38)
Non-status Indians	117 (9)	63 (10)	53 (8)
Inuit	71 (5)	26 (4)	45 (7)
Visible Minority	1,678 (10)	865 (10)	788 (9)
Disabled Person	511 (3)	223 (3)	280 (3)

Note: Numbers in parentheses represent percentages

TABLE 2: Academic Averages-Total, grade 11, and grade 12 samples

Academic Average	Total	Grade 11	Grade 12
Below 65%	2,620 (14)	1,253 (13)	1,332 (14)
65-79%	8,857 (46)	4,269 (45)	4,499 (47)
80-89%	5,984 (31)	3,085 (33)	2,860 (30)
90% or higher	1,694 (9)	853 (9)	831 (9)
TOTAL	**19,155 (100)**	**9,460 (100)**	**9,522 (100)**

Note: Numbers in parentheses represent percentages

TABLE 3: Future Plans

	Total	Grade 11	Grade 12
Attend a post-secondary institution within 12 months	10,290 (54)	4,910 (52)	5,294 (56)
Attend a post-secondary institution some time in the future	4,334 (23)	2,289 (24)	2,003 (21)
Work or seek work	2,392 (13)	959 (10)	1,405 (15)
Take some time off	836 (4)	408 (4)	423 (5)
Do not know	1,272 (7)	878 (9)	374 (4)
TOTAL	**19,124 (101)**	**9,444 (99)**	**9,499 (101)**

Note: Numbers in parentheses represent percentages

TABLE 4: Which Type of Post-Secondary Institution Students Planned to Attend-Total, grade 11, and grade 12 samples

	Total	Grade 11	Grade 12
University	8,812 (61)	4,688 (65)	4,047 (55)
Technical Institute	3,930 (27)	1,788 (25)	2,100 (29)
Regional College	1,076 (7)	404 (6)	664 (9)
Bible College	466 (3)	206 (3)	254 (4)
Private Vocational School	331 (2)	142 (2)	186 (3)
TOTAL	**14,615 (100)**	**7,228 (101)**	**7,251 (100)**

Note: Numbers in parentheses represent percentages

TABLE 5A: Which Type of Post-Secondary Institution Students in the Regional College Districts and Cities Planned to Attend-Total sample

	University	Technical Institute	Regional College	Bible College	Private Vocational School
Cypress Hills	517 (51)	237 (24)	156 (16)	80 (8)	19 (2)
South East	1,009 (54)	615 (33)	159 (9)	37 (2)	35 (2)
Prairie West	632 (52)	356 (29)	103 (9)	73 (6)	45 (4)
Carlton Trail	734 (58)	432 (34)	60 (5)	21 (2)	28 (2)
Parkland	559 (56)	312 (31)	82 (8)	23 (2)	30 (3)
Lakeland	171 (46)	84 (23)	95 (26)	11 (3)	11 (3)
North West	588 (52)	302 (27)	163 (14)	42 (4)	36 (3)
Cumberland	347 (54)	211 (33)	49 (8)	11 (2)	25 (4)
Northlands	67 (56)	30 (25)	20 (17)	0 (0)	3 (3)
Regina	1,820 (74)	499 (20)	51 (2)	56 (2)	28 (1)
Saskatoon	1,811 (68)	600 (23)	85 (3)	88 (3)	65 (3)
Moose Jaw	248 (57)	139 (32)	26 (6)	17 (4)	3 (1)
Prince Albert	309 (67)	113 (25)	27 (6)	7 (2)	3 (1)
Total	**8,812**	**3,930**	**1,076**	**466**	**331**

Note: Numbers in parentheses represent percentages

TABLE 5B: Which Type of Post-Secondary Institution Students in the Regional College Districts and Cities Planned to Attend-Grade11 sample

	University	Technical Institute	Regional College	Bible College	Private Vocational School
Cypress Hills	291 (58)	108 (22)	67 (13)	28 (6)	5 (1)
South East	556 (60)	281 (31)	54 (6)	15 (2)	15 (2)
Prairie West	353 (58)	159 (26)	38 (6)	30 (5)	25 (4)
Carlton Trail	372 (60)	201 (32)	28 (5)	16 (3)	7 (1)
Parkland	298 (64)	139 (30)	14 (3)	9 (2)	9 (2)
Lakeland	103 (59)	37 (21)	27 (15)	4 (2)	4 (2)
North West	332 (58)	139 (24)	67 (12)	13 (2)	20 (4)
Cumberland	178 (58)	104 (34)	13 (4)	5 (2)	9 (3)
Northlands	45 (64)	15 (21)	9 (13)	0 (0)	1 (1)
Regina	965 (76)	228 (18)	28 (2)	27 (2)	19 (2)
Saskatoon	929 (72)	257 (20)	30 (2)	45 (4)	25 (2)
Moose Jaw	122 (56)	70 (32)	14 (6)	11 (5)	2 (1)
Prince Albert	144 (68)	50 (24)	15 (7)	3 (1)	1 (1)
Total	**4,688**	**1,788**	**404**	**206**	**142**

Note: Numbers in parentheses represent percentages

TABLE 5C: Which Type of Post-Secondary Institution Students in the Regional College Districts and Cities Planned to Attend-grade 12 sample

	University	Technical Institute	Regional College	Bible College	Private Vocational School
Cypress Hills	224 (44)	127 (25)	89 (18)	50 (10)	14 (3)
South East	446 (48)	329 (36)	104 (11)	22 (2)	20 (2)
Prairie West	272 (46)	194 (33)	62 (11)	43 (7)	20 (3)
Carlton Trail	356 (56)	225 (35)	31 (5)	5 (1)	20 (3)
Parkland	255 (48)	172 (33)	68 (13)	14 (3)	21 (4)
Lakeland	67 (35)	47 (24)	67 (35)	7 (4)	6 (3)
North West	254 (46)	160 (29)	95 (17)	28 (5)	16 (3)
Cumberland	167 (51)	106 (32)	36 (11)	5 (2)	16 (5)
Northlands	21 (44)	14 (29)	11 (23)	0 (0)	2 (4)
Regina	831 (72)	264 (23)	23 (2)	28 (2)	9 (1)
Saskatoon	868 (65)	334 (25)	55 (4)	42 (3)	39 (3)
Moose Jaw	123 (59)	67 (32)	11 (5)	6 (3)	1 (1)
Prince Albert	163 (67)	61 (25)	12 (5)	4 (2)	2 (1)
Total	**4,047**	**2,100**	**664**	**254**	**186**

Note: Numbers in parentheses represent percentages

TABLE 6: Which Saskatchewan University Students Planned to Attend-Total, grade 11, and grade 12 samples

	Total	Grade 11	Grade 12
University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon	3,532 (40)	1,726 (37)	1,781 (44)
University of Saskatchewan, off-campus	261 (3)	114 (2)	145 (4)
University of Regina, Regina	1,542 (17)	553 (12)	978 (24)
University of Regina, off-campus	164 (2)	70 (1)	92 (2)
Other university	1,859 (21)	1,088 (23)	750 (19)
Undecided	1,500 (17)	1,172 (25)	315 (8)
TOTAL	**8,858 (100)**	**4,723 (100)**	**4,061 (101)**

Note: Numbers in parentheses represent percentages
Students were able to choose multiple responses.

TABLE 7: Registration Status of University Bound Students-Total, grade 11, and 12 samples

	Total	Grade 11	Grade 12
Full-time	6,765 (78)	3,362 (72)	3,403 (84)
Part-time	562 (6)	325 (7)	237 (6)
Not sure	1,377 (16)	979 (21)	398 (10)
TOTAL	**8,704 (100)**	**4,666 (100)**	**4,038 (100)**

Note: Numbers in parentheses represent percentages

TABLE 8: Type of Program University Bound Students Planned to Enrol in-Total, grade 11, and grade 12 samples

	Total	Grade 11	Grade 12
Arts and Science	1,629 (24)	540 (16)	1,072 (34)
Business/Commerce/Law	914 (14)	438 (13)	470 (15)
Health sciences/nursing/medicine	785 (12)	519 (15)	264 (8)
Engineering/technology	750 (11)	388 (11)	359 (11)
Education	727 (11)	351 (10)	373 (12)
Agriculture	287 (4)	116 (3)	168 (5)
Community services	52 (1)	32 (1)	19 (1)
Industrial trades	7 (.1)	4 (.1)	3 (.1)
Undecided	1,018 (15)	806 (23)	199 (6)
Other	520 (8)	273 (8)	244 (8)
TOTAL	**6,689 (100)**	**3,467 (100)**	**3,171 (100)**

Note: Numbers in parentheses represent percentages

TABLE 9A: Which University Students in the Regional College Districts and Cities Planned to Attend-Total sample

	U of S-Saskatoon	U of S-off campus	U of R-Regina	U of R-off campus	Other University	Do Not Know
Cypress Hills	184 (36)	11 (2)	66 (13)	10 (2)	159 (31)	90 (17)
South East	233 (23)	18 (2)	282 (28)	38 (4)	263 (26)	184 (18)
Prairie West	364 (58)	17(3)	24 (4)	1 (.1)	121 (19)	110 (17)
Carlton Trail	394 (54)	48 (7)	111 (15)	12 (2)	74 (10)	96 (13)
Parkland	222 (40)	17 (3)	86 (15)	13 (2)	131 (23)	89 (16)
Lakeland	56 (33)	10 (6)	5 (3)	0 (0)	63 (37)	35 (20)
North West	331 (56)	17 (3)	26 (4)	3 (1)	125 (21)	90 (15)
Cumberland	185 (53)	11 (3)	30 (9)	0 (0)	59 (17)	62 (18)
Northlands	33 (49)	6 (9)	1 (1)	0 (0)	14 (21)	14 (21)
Regina	153 (8)	14 (1)	844 (46)	76 (4)	400 (22)	356 (20)
Saskatoon	1,178 (65)	33 (2)	14 (1)	4 (.2)	301 (17)	282 (16)
Moose Jaw	68 (27)	3 (1)	43 (17)	6 (2)	78 (31)	52 (21)
Prince Albert	131 (42)	56 (18)	10 (3)	1 (.3)	71 (23)	40 (13)
Total	**3,532**	**261**	**1,542**	**164**	**1,859**	**1,500**

Note: Numbers in parentheses represent percentages
Respondents were able to choose more than one response, therefore percentages do not total 100.

TABLE 9B: Which University Students in the Regional College Districts and Cities Planned to Attend-Grade 11 sample

	U of S-Saskatoon	U of S-off campus	U of R-Regina	U of R-off campus	Other University	Do Not Know
Cypress Hills	92 (32)	9 (3)	24 (8)	3 (1)	87 (30)	77 (26)
South East	130 (23)	10 (2)	108 (19)	14 (3)	155 (28)	145 (26)
Prairie West	170 (48)	12 (3)	9 (3)	1 (.2)	80 (23)	87 (25)
Carlton Trail	182 (49)	15 (4)	42 (11)	4 (1)	52 (14)	79 (21)
Parkland	109 (37)	4 (1)	30 (10)	9 (3)	71 (24)	76 (26)
Lakeland	25 (24)	6 (6)	3 (2)	0 (0)	40 (39)	27 (26)
North West	178 (54)	9 (3)	11 (3)	0 (0)	69 (21)	69 (21)
Cumberland	85 (48)	6 (3)	10 (6)	0 (0)	27 (15)	51 (29)
Northlands	22 (49)	4 (9)	0 (0)	0 (0)	9 (20)	10 (22)
Regina	105 (11)	13 (1)	285 (30)	37 (4)	249 (26)	294 (30)
Saskatoon	548 (59)	18 (2)	9 (1)	0 (0)	177 (19)	211 (23)
Moose Jaw	19 (16)	1 (1)	15 (12)	1 (1)	34 (28)	17 (14)
Prince Albert	61 (42)	7 (5)	7 (5)	1 (1)	38 (26)	29 (20)
Total	**1,726**	**114**	**553**	**70**	**1,088**	**1,172**

Note: Numbers in parentheses represent percentages
Respondents were able to choose more than one response, therefore percentages do not total 100.

TABLE 9C: Which University Students in the Regional College Districts and Cities Planned to Attend-Grade 12 sample

	U of S-Saskatoon	U of S-off campus	U of R-Regina	U of R-off campus	Other University	Do Not Know
Cypress Hills	91 (41)	2 (1)	42 (19)	7 (3)	71 (32)	13 (6)
South East	102 (23)	8 (2)	173 (39)	24 (5)	105 (24)	37 (8)
Prairie West	190 (70)	5 (2)	15 (6)	0 (0)	39 (14)	22 (8)
Carlton Trail	210 (59)	32 (9)	69 (19)	8 (2)	21 (6)	16 (4)
Parkland	111 (44)	13 (5)	56 (22)	4 (2)	56 (22)	13 (5)
Lakeland	30 (45)	4 (6)	2 (3)	0 (0)	23 (34)	8 (12)
North West	151 (59)	8 (3)	15 (6)	3 (1)	56 (22)	21 (8)
Cumberland	98 (59)	5 (3)	20 (12)	0 (0)	32 (19)	11 (7)
Northlands	11 (52)	2 (10)	1 (5)	0 (0)	4 (19)	4 (19)
Regina	46 (6)	1 (.1)	550 (66)	37 (5)	146 (18)	57 (7)
Saskatoon	637 (73)	14 (2)	15 (17)	5 (1)	133 (15)	87 (10)
Moose Jaw	35 (28)	2 (2)	17 (14)	4 (3)	31 (25)	16 (13)
Prince Albert	69 (42)	49 (30)	3 (2)	0 (0)	33 (20)	10 (6)
Total	**1,781**	**145**	**978**	**92**	**750**	**315**

Note: Numbers in parentheses represent percentages
Respondents were able to choose more than one response, therefore percentages do not total 100.

TABLE 10: Registration Status of Students Who Planned to Attend a Technical Institute-Total, grade 11, and 12 samples

	Total	Grade 11	Grade 12
Full-time	2,289 (59)	900 (51)	1,389 (67)
Part-time	540 (14)	270 (15)	270 (13)
Not sure	1,031 (27)	604 (34)	427 (21)
TOTAL	**3,860 (100)**	**1,774 (100)**	**2,086 (101)**

Note: Numbers in parentheses represent percentages

TABLE 11: Which Technical Institute Students Planned to Attend-Total, grade 11, and 12 samples

	Total	Grade 11	Grade 12
SIAST Kelsey Campus	1,330 (34)	618 (35)	700 (34)
SIAST Palliser Campus	660 (17)	275 (16)	374 (18)
SIAST Wascana Campus	492 (13)	200 (11)	288 (14)
SIAST Woodland Campus	183 (5)	87 (5)	94 (5)
Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies	21 (1)	5 (.3)	15 (1)
Dumont Technical Institute	5 (.1)	2 (.1)	3 (.1)
Other Technical Institute	671 (17)	267 (15)	398 (19)
Undecided	500 (13)	297 (17)	198 (10)
TOTAL	**3,862 (100)**	**1,751 (100)**	**2,070 (101)**

Note: Numbers in parentheses represent percentages

TABLE 12: Type of Program Technical Institute Bound Students Planned to Enrol in-Total, grade 11, and grade 12 samples

	Total	Grade 11	Grade 12
Industrial trades	678 (22)	292 (20)	372 (23)
Engineering/technology	546 (18)	271 (19)	270 (17)
Health sciences/nursing/medicine	366 (12)	141 (10)	223 (14)
Business/Commerce/Law	297 (10)	116 (8)	177 (11)
Community services	93 (3)	37 (3)	55 (3)
Agriculture	86 (3)	43 (3)	43 (3)
Arts and Science	72 (2)	43 (3)	28 (2)
Education	53 (2)	18 (1)	35 (2)
Undecided	367 (12)	233 (16)	131 (8)
Other	518 (17)	243 (17)	272 (17)
TOTAL	**3,076 (101)**	**1,437 (100)**	**1,606 (100)**

Note: Numbers in parentheses represent percentages

TABLE 13A: Which Technical Institute Students in the Regional College Districts and Cities Planned to Attend-Total sample

	SIAST Kelsey	SIAST Palliser	SIAST Wascana	SIAST Woodland	Dumont Tech. In	SIIT	Other	Undecided
Cypress Hills	60 (25)	61 (26)	17 (7)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	69 (29)	29 (12)
South East	145 (24)	157 (26)	119 (20)	5 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	96 (16)	82 (14)
Prairie West	184 (53)	18 (5)	13 (4)	8 (2)	1 (.3)	0 (0)	90 (26)	36 (10)
Carlton Trail	180 (43)	70 (17)	52 (12)	16 (4)	0 (0)	2 (1)	50 (12)	53 (13)
Parkland	86 (28)	70 (23)	49 (16)	5 (2)	0 (0)	2 (1)	48 (16)	49 (16)
Lakeland	25 (31)	5 (6)	3 (4)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	38 (47)	10 (12)
North West	116 (39)	17 (6)	7 (2)	24 (8)	1 (.3)	4 (1)	80 (27)	48 (16)
Cumberland	80 (39)	30 (15)	9 (4)	28 (14)	0 (0)	2 (1)	30 (15)	27 (13)
Northlands	5 (18)	1 (4)	2 (7)	14 (50)	0 (0)	2 (7)	1 (4)	3 (11)
Regina	41 (8)	110 (22)	204 (41)	6 (1)	0 (0)	2 (.4)	55 (11)	76 (15)
Saskatoon	373 (63)	30 (5)	8 (1)	18 (3)	3 (1)	6 (1)	92 (16)	60 (10)
Moose Jaw	14 (10)	89 (66)	7 (5)	5 (4)	0 (0)	0 (0)	11 (8)	9 (7)
Prince Albert	21 (19)	2 (2)	2 (2)	54 (50)	0 (0)	1 (1)	11 (10)	18 (17)
Total	**1,330**	**660**	**492**	**183**	**5**	**21**	**671**	**500**

Note: Numbers in parentheses represent percentages

TABLE 13B: Which Technical Institute Students in the Regional College Districts and cities Planned to Attend-Grade 11 sample

	SIAST Kelsey	SIAST Palliser	SIAST Wascana	SIAST Woodland	Dumont Tech. In.	SIIT	Other	Undecided
Cypress Hills	32 (30)	27 (25)	4 (4)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	23 (22)	21 (20)
South East	68 (25)	70 (26)	43 (16)	2 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	34 (12)	57 (21)
Prairie West	79 (50)	12 (8)	1 (1)	3 (2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	39 (25)	23 (15)
Carlton Trail	84 (43)	25 (13)	22 (11)	11 (6)	0 (0)	0 (0)	21 (11)	32 (16)
Parkland	42 (31)	31 (23)	18 (13)	2 (2)	0 (0)	1 (1)	19 (14)	23 (17)
Lakeland	10 (29)	3 (9)	2 (6)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	12 (34)	8 (23)
North West	55 (41)	3 (2)	3 (2)	9 (7)	0 (0)	0 (0)	34 (25)	31 (23)
Cumberland	37 (37)	14 (14)	6 (6)	12 (12)	0 (0)	1 (1)	12 (12)	19 (19)
Northlands	4 (27)	0 (0)	1 (7)	4 (27)	0 (0)	2 (13)	1 (7)	3 (20)
Regina	27 (12)	39 (17)	92 (41)	4 (2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	24 (11)	41 (18)
Saskatoon	166 (62)	19 (7)	5 (2)	10 (4)	2 (1)	1 (.4)	38 (14)	27 (10)
Moose Jaw	5 (9)	31 (59)	1 (2)	4 (8)	0 (0)	0 (0)	7 (13)	5 (9)
Prince Albert	9 (19)	1 (2)	2 (4)	26 (54)	0 (0)	0 (0)	3 (6)	7 (15)
Total	**618**	**275**	**200**	**87**	**2**	**5**	**267**	**297**

Note: Numbers in parentheses represent percentages

TABLE 13C: Which Technical Institute Students in the Regional College Districts and Cities Planned to Attend-Grade 12 sample

	SIAST Kelsey	SIAST Palliser	SIAST Wascana	SIAST Woodland	Dumont Tech. In	SIIT	Other	Undecided
Cypress Hills	28 (22)	34 (27)	13 (10)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	45 (35)	7 (6)
South East	76 (23)	84 (26)	76 (23)	3 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	61 (19)	25 (8)
Prairie West	103 (54)	6 (3)	12 (6)	5 (3)	1 (1)	0 (0)	50 (26)	13 (7)
Carlton Trail	94 (42)	43 (19)	29 (13)	5 (2)	0 (0)	2 (1)	29 (13)	20 (9)
Parkland	44 (26)	39 (23)	30 (17)	3 (2)	0 (0)	1 (1)	29 (17)	26 (15)
Lakeland	15 (33)	2 (4)	1 (2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	26 (57)	2 (4)
North West	60 (38)	14 (9)	4 (3)	15 (9)	1 (1)	4 (3)	45 (28)	16 (10)
Cumberland	43 (41)	16 (15)	3 (3)	16 (15)	0 (0)	1 (1)	17 (16)	8 (8)
Northlands	1 (8)	1 (8)	1 (8)	9 (75)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Regina	14 (5)	67 (26)	110 (42)	2 (1)	0 (0)	2 (1)	30 (12)	35 (14)
Saskatoon	205 (61)	30 (9)	3 (1)	9 (3)	1 (.3)	4 (1)	55 (16)	32 (9)
Moose Jaw	6 (11)	37 (67)	6 (11)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	3 (6)	3 (6)
Prince Albert	11 (19)	1 (2)	0 (0)	27 (46)	0 (0)	1 (2)	8 (14)	11 (19)
Total	**700**	**374**	**288**	**94**	**3**	**15**	**398**	**198**

Note: Numbers in parentheses represent percentages

TABLE 14: Registration Status of Students Who Planned to Attend a Regional College-Total, grade 11, and 12 samples

	Total	Grade 11	Grade 12
Full-time	709 (67)	216 (54)	493 (74)
Part-time	134 (13)	62 (15)	72 (11)
Not sure	223 (30)	125 (31)	98 (15)
TOTAL	**1,066 (100)**	**403 (100)**	**663 (100)**

Note: Numbers in parentheses represent percentages

TABLE 15: Which Regional College Students Planned to Attend-Total, grade 11, and 12 samples

	Total	Grade 11	Grade 12
Carlton Trail-Humbolt	4 (.4)	3 (1)	1 (.2)
Cumberland-Nipawin	14 (1)	5 (1)	9 (1)
Cypress Hills-Swift Current	28 (3)	11 (3)	17 (3)
Lakeland-Lloydminster	268 (26)	100 (26)	165 (26)
North West-North Battleford	25 (2)	10 (3)	14 (2)
Northlands-La Ronge	14 (1)	7 (2)	7 (1)
Parkland-Melville/Yorkton	51 (5)	6 (2)	45 (7)
Prairie West-Biggar	9 (1)	1 (.3)	8 (1)
South East-Estevan/Weyburn	65 (6)	20 (5)	44 (7)
Other Regional College	562 (54)	225 (58)	334 (52)
TOTAL	**1,040 (100)**	**388 (101)**	**644 (100)**

Note: Numbers in parentheses represent percentages

TABLE 16: Classes Students Who Planned to Attend a Regional College will Take-Total, grade 11 and grade 12 samples

	Total	Grade 11	Grade 12
University of Saskatchewan classes	118 (31)	48 (37)	68 (28)
University of Regina classes	46 (12)	11 (9)	35 (14)
SIAST classes	102 (27)	27 (21)	74 (30)
Employment skills	110 (29)	43 (33)	67 (28)
TOTAL	**376 (99)**	**129 (100)**	**244 (100)**

Note: Numbers in parentheses represent percentages

TABLE 17: Type of Program Regional College Bound Students Planned to Enrol in-Total, grade 11, and grade 12 samples

	Total	Grade 11	Grade 12
Business/Commerce/Law	69 (18)	14 (11)	55 (22)
Arts and Science	48 (12)	9 (7)	38 (15)
Agriculture	43 (11)	20 (15)	23 (9)
Education	38 (10)	9 (7)	29 (11)
Health sciences/nursing/medicine	25 (6)	12 (9)	13 (5)
Engineering/technology	22 (6)	6 (5)	16 (6)
Industrial Trades	22 (6)	9 (7)	13 (5)
Community Service	10 (3)	3 (2)	7 (3)
Undecided	53 (14)	30 (23)	23 (9)
Other	56 (15)	18 (14)	37 (15)
TOTAL	**386 (101)**	**130 (100)**	**254 (100)**

Note: Numbers in parentheses represent percentages

TABLE 18A: Which Regional College Students in the Regional College Districts and Cities Planned to Attend-Total sample

	Carlton Trail	Cumberland	Cypress Hills	Lakeland	North West	Northlands	Parkland	Prairie West	South East	Other
Cypress Hills	0 (0)	0 (0)	22 (14)	4 (3)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	1 (1)	127 (82)
South East	0 (0)	1 (1)	2 (1)	17 (11)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	58 (38)	74 (49)
Prairie West	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	28 (29)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	7 (7)	0 (0)	60 (63)
Carlton Trail	2 (3)	1 (2)	0 (0)	14 (24)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (2)	41 (70)
Parkland	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	6 (7)	0 (0)	0 (0)	48 (59)	0 (0)	1 (1)	26 (32)
Lakeland	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	51 (55)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	41 (44)
North West	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	64 (40)	21 (13)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	74 (47)
Cumberland	0 (0)	9 (19)	0 (0)	17 (35)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (2)	21 (44)
Northlands	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	13 (68)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	6 (32)
Regina	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (2)	4 (8)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (4)	1 (2)	2 (4)	38 (79)
Saskatoon	2 (3)	0 (0)	2 (3)	5 (6)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	1 (1)	67 (85)
Moose Jaw	0 (0)	1 (4)	0 (0)	4 (16)	1 (4)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	19 (76)
Prince Albert	0 (0)	1 (4)	1 (4)	2 (8)	0 (0)	1 (4)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	20 (80)
Total	**4**	**14**	**28**	**216**	**25**	**14**	**51**	**9**	**64**	**614**

Note: Numbers in parentheses represent percentages

TABLE 18B: Which Regional College Students in the Regional College Districts and Cities Planned to Attend-Grade 11 sample

	Carlton Trail	Cumberland	Cypress Hills	Lakeland	North West	Northlands	Parkland	Prairie West	South East	Other
Cypress Hills	0 (0)	0 (0)	8 (12)	3 (5)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (2)	0 (0)	1 (2)	53 (80)
South East	0 (0)	1 (2)	0 (0)	5 (10)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	17 (33)	29 (56)
Prairie West	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	7 (21)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	27 (79)
Carlton Trail	2 (7)	0 (0)	0 (0)	7 (26)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (4)	17 (63)
Parkland	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	3 (21)	0 (0)	0 (0)	4 (29)	0 (0)	0 (0)	7 (50)
Lakeland	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	16 (62)	1 (4)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	9 (35)
North West	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	29 (45)	7 (11)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	28 (44)
Cumberland	0 (0)	3 (23)	0 (0)	6 (46)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	4 (31)
Northlands	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	7 (79)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (22)
Regina	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (4)	2 (7)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (4)	0 (0)	1 (4)	22 (82)
Saskatoon	1 (3)	0 (0)	1 (3)	1 (3)	1 (3)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (3)	0 (0)	27 (84)
Moose Jaw	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (9)	1 (9)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	9 (82)
Prince Albert	0 (0)	1 (8)	1 (8)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	11 (85)
Total	**3**	**5**	**11**	**80**	**10**	**7**	**6**	**1**	**20**	**245**

Note: Numbers in parentheses represent percentages

TABLE 18C: Which Regional College Students in the Regional College Districts and Cities Planned to Attend-Grade 12 sample

	Carlton Trail	Cumberland	Cypress Hills	Lakeland	North West	Northlands	Parkland	Prairie West	South East	Other
Cypress Hills	0 (0)	0 (0)	14 (16)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	74 (83)
South East	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (2)	12 (12)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	40 (40)	45 (46)
Prairie West	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	20 (34)	1 (2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	7 (12)	0 (0)	31 (53)
Carlton Trail	0 (0)	1 (3)	0 (0)	7 (23)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	23 (74)
Parkland	0 (0)	1 (2)	0 (0)	3 (4)	0 (0)	0 (0)	44 (65)	0 (0)	1 (2)	19 (28)
Lakeland	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	35 (53)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	31 (47)
North West	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	35 (37)	13 (14)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	46 (49)
Cumberland	0 (0)	6 (17)	0 (0)	11 (31)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (3)	17 (49)
Northlands	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	6 (60)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	4 (40)
Regina	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (10)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (5)	1 (5)	1 (5)	16 (76)
Saskatoon	1 (2)	1 (2)	1 (2)	5 (9)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (2)	45 (83)
Moose Jaw	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (17)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	5 (83)
Prince Albert	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (17)	0 (0)	1 (8)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	9 (75)
Total	**1**	**9**	**17**	**134**	**14**	**7**	**45**	**8**	**44**	**356**

Note: Numbers in parentheses represent percentages

TABLE 19: Out of Province Study-Total, grade 11, and grade 12 samples

	Total	Grade 11	Grade 12
Alberta	1,723 (57)	790 (52)	914 (62)
United States	317 (10)	212 (14)	103 (7)
British Columbia	296 (10)	172 (11)	120 (8)
Ontario	294 (10)	153 (10)	138 (9)
Manitoba	158 (5)	60 (4)	97 (7)
Quebec	66 (2)	38 (2)	28 (2)
Atlantic Canada	35 (1)	26 (2)	9 (1)
Yukon/NWT/Nunavut	11 (.4)	7 (.5)	4 (.2)
Other	137 (5)	70 (5)	63 (4)
TOTAL	**3,037 (100)**	**1,528 (100)**	**1,476 (100)**

Note: Numbers in parentheses represent percentages

TABLE 20: Reasons for Not Attending a Post-Secondary Institution-Total, grade 11, and grade 12 samples

	Total	Grade 11	Grade 12
Work	1,179 (27)	514 (24)	651 (30)
Cost of education	1,010 (23)	534 (25)	467 (22)
Academic requirements	492 (11)	245 (12)	243 (11)
Family commitments	105 (2)	50 (2)	54 (3)
Personal/health reasons	82 (2)	32 (2)	48 (2)
Other	1,479 (34)	747 (35)	709 (33)
TOTAL	**4,347 (99)**	**2,122 (100)**	**2,172 (101)**

Note: Numbers in parentheses represent percentages

TABLE 21: Students That Are Aware They Can Take University, Technical Institute, or Employment Skills Classes Through a Regional College-Total, grade 11 and grade 12 samples

	Total	Grade 11	Grade 12
Yes	10,907 (58)	4,892 (53)	5,918 (63)
No	7,954 (42)	4,407 (47)	3,462 (37)
TOTAL	**18,861 (100)**	**9,299 (100)**	**9,380 (100)**

Note: Numbers in parentheses represent percentages

TABLE 22: Mean and Median Ratings of Importance Placed on Factors Affecting Decision to Pursue a Post-Secondary Education-Total, grade 11, and grade 12 samples

	Total		Grade 11		Grade 12	
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median
Program quality	1.39 (1)	1.00	1.37 (1)	1.00	1.41 (1)	1.00
Program availability	1.55 (2)	1.00	1.52 (2)	1.00	1.58 (2)	1.00
Cost of living	1.74 (3)	2.00	1.68 (3)	1.00	1.80 (3)	2.00
Language of instruction	1.79 (4)	1.00	1.72 (4)	1.00	1.86 (4)	1.00
Cost of tuition	1.82 (5)	2.00	1.75 (5)	2.00	1.90 (7)	2.00
Facilities	1.88 (6)	2.00	1.87 (6)	2.00	1.89 (5)	2.00
Location	1.92 (7)	2.00	1.94 (7)	2.00	1.89 (5)	2.00
Reputation of institution	1.96 (8)	2.00	1.95 (8)	2.00	1.96 (8)	2.00
Family/friends	2.07 (9)	2.00	2.03 (10)	2.00	2.10 (9)	2.00
Scholarships/Bursaries	2.14 (10)	2.00	2.00 (9)	2.00	2.29 (10)	2.00
Student support services	2.42 (11)	2.00	2.40 (11)	2.00	2.44 (11)	2.00
Advice of counsellor	2.54 (12)	3.00	2.52 (12)	2.00	2.54 (12)	3.00
Courses through distance education	3.06 (13)	3.00	2.97 (13)	3.00	3.15 (13)	3.00
Courses through the Internet	3.35 (14)	4.00	3.29 (14)	4.00	3.41 (14)	4.00

TABLE 23: Future Plans of Students Whose Academic Averages Were 90% or Higher-Total sample (n=1694)

	Total
Attend a post-secondary institution within 12 months	1,403 (84)
Attend a post-secondary institution some time in the future	172 (10)
Work or seek work	41 (2)
Take some time off	21 (1)
Do not know	43 (3)
TOTAL	**1,680 (100)**

Note: Numbers in parentheses represent percentages

TABLE 24: Which Type of Post-Secondary Institution Students Whose Academic Averages Were 90% or Higher Planned to Attend-Total sample

	Total
University	1,337 (85)
Technical Institute	96 (6)
Regional College	37 (2)
Bible College	89 (6)
Private Vocational School	12 (1)
TOTAL	**1,571 (100)**

Note: Numbers in parentheses represent percentages

TABLE 25: Which Saskatchewan University Students Whose Academic Averages Were 90% or Higher Planned to Attend-Total sample

	Total
University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon	552 (41)
University of Saskatchewan, off-campus	28 (2)
University of Regina, Regina	254 (19)
University of Regina, off-campus	16 (1)
Other university	278 (21)
Undecided	218 (16)
TOTAL	**1,346 (100)**

Note: Numbers in parentheses represent percentages

TABLE 26: Which Technical Institute Students Whose Academic Averages Were 90% or Higher Planned to Attend-Total sample

	Total
SIAST Kelsey Campus	24 (25)
SIAST Palliser Campus	20 (21)
SIAST Wascana Campus	9 (10)
SIAST Woodland Campus	4 (4)
Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies	0 (0)
Dumont Technical Institute	0 (0)
Other Technical Institute	29 (31)
Undecided	9 (10)
TOTAL	**95 (101)**

Note: Numbers in parentheses represent percentages

TABLE 27: Which Regional College Students Whose Academic Averages Were 90% or Higher Planned to Attend-Total sample

	Total
Carlton Trail-Humbolt	0 (0)
Cumberland-Nipawin	1 (3)
Cypress Hills-Swift Current	0 (0)
Lakeland-Lloydminster	8 (22)
North West-North Battleford	3 (8)
Northlands-La Ronge	0 (0)
Parkland-Melville/Yorkton	1 (3)
Prairie West-Biggar	0 (0)
South East-Estevan/Weyburn	4 (11)
Other Regional College	20 (54)
TOTAL	**37 (101)**

Note: Numbers in parentheses represent percentages

TABLE 28: Future Plans of Aboriginal Students -Total sample (*n*=1352)

	Total
Attend a post-secondary institution within 12 months	513 (38)
Attend a post-secondary institution some time in the future	329 (25)
Work or seek work	261 (20)
Take some time off	102 (8)
Do not know	128 (10)
TOTAL	**1,333 (101)**

Note: Numbers in parentheses represent percentages

TABLE 29: Which Type of Post-Secondary Institution Aboriginal Students Planned to Attend-Total sample

	Total
University	478 (56)
Technical Institute	268 (32)
Regional College	65 (8)
Bible College	20 (2)
Private Vocational School	21 (3)
TOTAL	**852 (101)**

Note: Numbers in parentheses represent percentages

TABLE 30: Which University Aboriginal Students Planned to Attend-Total sample

	Total
University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon	194 (40)
University of Saskatchewan, off-campus	24 (5)
University of Regina, Regina	75 (15)
University of Regina, off-campus	15 (3)
Other university	91 (19)
Undecided	85 (18)
TOTAL	**484 (100)**

Note: Numbers in parentheses represent percentages

TABLE 31: Which Technical Institute Aboriginal Students Planned to Attend-Total sample

	Total
SIAST Kelsey Campus	82 (31)
SIAST Palliser Campus	32 (12)
SIAST Wascana Campus	24 (9)
SIAST Woodland Campus	41 (16)
Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies	18 (7)
Dumont Technical Institute	3 (1)
Other Technical Institute	35 (13)
Undecided	27 (10)
TOTAL	**262 (99)**

Note: Numbers in parentheses represent percentages

TABLE 32: Which Regional College Aboriginal Students Planned to Attend-Total sample

	Total
Carlton Trail-Humbolt	0 (0)
Cumberland-Nipawin	0 (0)
Cypress Hills-Swift Current	2 (3)
Lakeland-Lloydminster	14 (22)
North West-North Battleford	3 (5)
Northlands-La Ronge	7 (11)
Parkland-Melville/Yorkton	2 (3)
Prairie West-Biggar	0 (0)
South East-Estevan/Weyburn	1 (2)
Other Regional College	35 (55)
TOTAL	**64 (101)**

Note: Numbers in parentheses represent percentages

TABLE 33: Future Plans of Rural vs. Urban Students-Total samples (n=11469 and n=7927, respectively)

	Rural	**Urban**
Attend a post-secondary institution within 12 months	6,163 (54)	4,127 (53)
Attend a post-secondary institution some time in the future	2,473 (22)	1,861 (24)
Work or seek work	1,559 (14)	833 (11)
Take some time off	401 (4)	435 (6)
Do not know	738 (7)	534 (7)
TOTAL	**11,334 (101)**	**7,790 (101)**

Note: Numbers in parentheses represent percentages

TABLE 34: Which Type of Post-Secondary Institution Rural vs. Urban Students Planned to Attend-Total sample

	Rural	**Urban**
University	4,624 (54)	4,188 (70)
Technical Institute	2,579 (30)	1,351 (23)
Regional College	887 (10)	189 (3)
Bible College	298 (4)	168 (3)
Private Vocational School	232 (3)	99 (2)
TOTAL	**8,620 (101)**	**5,995 (101)**

Note: Numbers in parentheses represent percentages

TABLE 35: Which Saskatchewan University Rural vs. Urban Students Planned to Attend-Total sample

	Rural	Urban
University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon	2,188 (45)	1,530 (36)
University of Saskatchewan, off-campus	155 (3)	106 (3)
University of Regina, Regina	631 (13)	911 (22)
University of Regina, off-campus	57 (1)	87 (2)
Other university	1,009 (21)	850 (20)
Undecided	770 (16)	730 (17)
TOTAL	**4,810 (100)**	**4,214 (100)**

Note: Numbers in parentheses represent percentages

TABLE 36: Which Technical Institute Rural vs. Urban Students Planned to Attend-Total sample

	Rural	Total
SIAST Kelsey Campus	881 (35)	449 (34)
SIAST Palliser Campus	429 (17)	231 (17)
SIAST Wascana Campus	271 (11)	221 (17)
SIAST Woodland Campus	100 (4)	83 (6)
Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies	12 (.5)	9 (1)
Dumont Technical Institute	2 (.1)	3 (.2)
Other Technical Institute	502 (20)	169 (13)
Undecided	337 (13)	163 (12)
TOTAL	**2,534 (101)**	**1,328 (100)**

Note: Numbers in parentheses represent percentages